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SENATOR SYAS: No. Migratory--the federal government on migratory birds can do this but this also--we're also responsible on this act like on the whooping crane but this the federal government cannot now--well, they can under this act if we don't pass it, within a state that's something that's not migratory. In other words, the federal government doesn't have control over your--generally, of your birds and animals and plants and stuff like that within your state boundaries. Migratory, yes, but the others, no. For instance, the black-footed ferret, not to dwell on that because I probably--I know what a ferret is but I probably have never seen a black-footed ferret. They live in prairie dog holes, I understand, and that is under the state jurisdiction, used to be. Well it wasn't even that. Go back a little bit, it's a non-game animal so it's unprotected but this protects them. Does that answer your question?

SENATOR KIME: Yes, that's right. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Dick Lewis.

SENATOR D. LEWIS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'd like to ask Senator Syas a question, if he'll yield. Senator Syas, what about the poor little prairie dog? This Legislature was a battleground here a couple of years ago about the prairie dog. Now, are you including that under this endangered species?

SENATOR SYAS: Senator, I'm not including anything. I'm telling you what the federal law demands.

SENATOR LEWIS: What does the federal law demand?

SENATOR SYAS: Now, the federal law demands, it says if we don't pass this act, they will do it for us.

SENATOR LEWIS: And they will protect the prairie dog, then.

SENATOR SYAS: If they think it's an endangered species, they will protect it and they haven't put it on the list yet to my knowledge, but, yes, if they think it's an endangered species, they'll protect it. I would rather have, Senator, I would rather have the state of Nebraska. Now this is the big question that always arises in this Legislature about the federal. This is one of those things again that the federal government, if you don't do it, they will. I'd rather--here's your chance to have Nebraska do it under your own agencies rather than the federal government. Now if you want to invite the federal government in, don't pass the act. I am not going to bleed over it.

SENATOR LEWIS: Thank you Senator Syas.

PRESIDENT: Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: A question of Senator Syas, if I may. Uncle George, is it not true that the ferret is a weasel?

SENATOR SYAS: Well as I said, I wouldn't know one if I saw one.

SENATOR MURPHY: Well, I think they are and if this is the case and speaking of bleeding over it, there was a young Mexican killed not too long ago by a weasel. He got involved. His brother was telling me about it and he says, You know, my